

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes made to Figs. 4 and 5. The attached sheet, which includes Figs. 4 and 5, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 4 and 5. In Fig. 4, the single occurrence of reference numeral 14 has been changed to reference numeral 14a. In Fig. 5, the single occurrence of reference numeral 14 has been changed to reference numeral 14b.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on January 8, 2007. Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 are pending. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Claims 4 and 7-11 have been cancelled. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Drawing Objections

Applicants have amended Fig. 4 to change the single occurrence of reference numeral 14 to reference numeral 14a. Applicants have amended Fig. 5 to change the single occurrence of reference numeral 14 to reference numeral 14b. Applicant has amended the specification to reflect these changes to Figs. 4 and 5. Applicants submit that no “new matter” has been added by these amendments. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the drawing objections.

Disclosure Objection

Applicants have amended the disclosure in a manner believed to be sufficient to address the Examiner’s objection. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 4, 5, 10, and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, 2nd Paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 4, 10, and 11 have been cancelled. Applicants have addressed the rejection of claim 5 with an appropriate claim amendment. Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 2 of Patent No. 6,983,978. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer for obviating this rejection.

Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,892,496 to Youngs et al. (hereinafter *Youngs*). Claims 4 and 7-11 have been cancelled. Claim 1

is the sole remaining independent claim subject to this rejection. The Examiner contends that *Youngs* shows or teaches all the features of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's contention.

In contrast to Applicants' independent claim 1, as amended, *Youngs* fails to disclose or suggest "a plurality of fasteners securing said door component and said carrier plate to said door frame" in which the fasteners are "configured to initially support the door component on said carrier plate before said carrier plate is positioned between said door frame and said door trim panel in the assembly." Instead, *Youngs* discloses first fasteners (42) that secure the door components (30, 32) with the carrier plate (16). *See* column 3, lines 53-55. As apparent in Fig. 1 of *Youngs*, the first fasteners (42) are received in blind openings in the door components (30, 32). Because the openings receiving the first fasteners (42) are blind and do not penetrate through the door components (30, 32), the first fasteners (42) cannot be used to secure the door components (30, 32) or the carrier plate (16) with the door frame (12).

In any event, *Youngs* fails to disclose that the first fasteners (42) can be used to secure the door components (30, 32) with the door body (12). Instead, *Youngs* discloses that second fasteners (58) are required to secure the carrier plate (16) with the door frame (12) and third fasteners (58) are required to secure the door components (30, 32) with the door frame (12). *See* column 4, lines 35-39; column 4, lines 43-46. In fact, *Youngs* discloses that it is possible to remove the first fasteners (42) from the assembly. *See* column 5, lines 1-5. The disclosed ability to remove the first fasteners (42) initially securing the door components (30, 32) with the carrier plate (16) is only permissible because an entirely different set of fasteners (58) is used to secure the carrier plate (16) with the door frame (12) and an entirely different set of fasteners (64) is used to secure the door components (30, 32) with the door frame (12). Otherwise, removal of the first fasteners (42) in *Youngs* would release the door components (30, 32) and carrier plate (16) from the door frame (12).

In order for a reference to anticipate a claimed invention, the reference must teach each and every element in the precise arrangement set forth in the claim. If the reference fails to teach even one of the claimed features, the reference does not and cannot anticipate the claimed invention. *Youngs* fails to disclose that the fasteners that secure the door component and carrier plate to the door frame are further "configured to initially support the door component on said carrier plate before the carrier plate is positioned between said door frame and said door trim panel in the

assembly.” Consequently, *Youngs* fails to anticipate claim 1. For at least that reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Because claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 depend from independent claim 1, Applicants submit that these claims are also patentable. Furthermore, claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 each recite a unique combination of elements not disclosed or suggested by *Youngs*.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a bona fide effort to respond to each and every requirement set forth in the Office Action. In view of the foregoing remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and, accordingly, a timely notice of allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there is any additional matter that may be resolved by telephone or fax, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission other than a Terminal Disclaimer fee. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

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